

REMARKS

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS.

Claims 321-350 and pending and have been allowed. Claims 328 and 340 have been amended herein as discussed below.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION.

The specification has been amended to correct an inadvertent error in the priority claim. In the Office Action dated April 18, 2005, the Examiner stated that the pending claims were accorded the priority filing date of the instant application, i.e., December 20, 2001. The Examiner then examined the claims and prior art based on a priority filing date of December 20, 2001. Applicants have amended the specification herein to delete the priority claim to the earlier-filed applications. With this amendment, the priority date of the present application is December 20, 2001. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS.

Claim 328, which depends from claim 325, been amended to correct an inadvertent error in antecedent basis. Specifically, claim 328 has been amended to specify correctly the polypeptide variant of claim 325. Claim 340 has been amended to correct an inadvertent error in claim dependency. As amended, claim 340 correctly specifies the polypeptide variant of claim 335. Each of these amendments is fully supported by the specification and none adds any new matter.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the specified amendment to the claims and specification. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at (650) 298-5809.

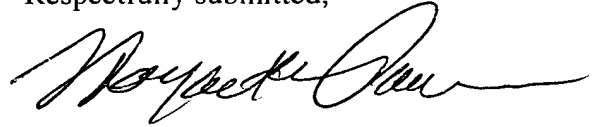
Applicants are submitting this Amendment with the Issue Fee Transmittal and have authorized the Commissioner to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0990 the amount of \$1700, which is specified on the Issue Fee Transmittal. In the event any additional fees are due in this

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application, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0990. In addition, please credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-0990.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Margaret A. Powers", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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